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Dear Commissioner:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the references listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), no copies are enclosed from the attached PTO Form 1449 as such references were previously cited by or submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in the parent application Serial No. 09/837,500 filed April 18, 2001 and grandparent application Serial No. 08/834,746 filed April 4, 1997, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,220,419.

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/837,500, filed April 18, 2001; which is a complete application claiming the benefit of U.S. Application No. 08/834,746, filed April 4, 1997, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,220,419; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/450,505 filed May 26, 1995, for "Method and Apparatus for Discriminating and Counting Documents", now issued as U.S.

Patent No. 5,687,963; United States patent application Serial No. 08/340,031 filed November 14, 1994, for "Method and Apparatus For Discriminating and Counting Documents", now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,815,592; United States patent application Serial No. 08/573,392 filed December 15, 1995, for a "Method and Apparatus for Discriminating and Counting Documents", now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,790,697; and United States patent application Serial No. 08/287,882 filed August 9, 1994, for a "Method and Apparatus for Document Identification", now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,652,802.

United States patent application Serial No. 08/450,505 is a continuation of United States patent application Serial No. 08/340,031 which is in turn a continuation-in-part of United States patent application Serial No. 08/243,807 filed May 16, 1994, for "Method And Apparatus For Currency Discrimination", now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,633,949 and United States patent application Serial No. 08/207,592 filed March 8, 1994 for "Method and Apparatus for Currency Discrimination", now issued as United States Patent No. 5,467,406.

United States patent application Serial No. 08/573,392 filed December 15, 1995 for a "Method and Apparatus for Discriminating and Counting Documents" is a continuation-in-part of the following United States patent applications:

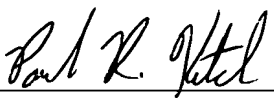
Serial No. 08/399,854 filed March 7, 1995 for a "Method and Apparatus For Discriminating and Counting Documents", now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,875,259; Serial No. 08/394,752 filed February 27, 1995 for a "Method of Generating Modified Patterns and Method and Apparatus for Using the Same in a Currency Identification System", now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,724,438; Serial No. 08/362,848 filed December 22, 1994, for a "Method And Apparatus For Discriminating and Counting Documents", now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,870,487; Serial No. 08/340,031 filed November 14, 1994, for a "Method And Apparatus For Discriminating and Counting Documents"; Serial No. 08/317,349 filed October 4, 1994, for a "Method And Apparatus For Authenticating Documents Including Currency", now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,640,463; Serial No. 08/287,882 filed August 9, 1994 for a "Method and Apparatus for Document Identification"; Serial No. 08/243,807 filed May 16, 1994, for "Method And Apparatus For Currency Discrimination"; and Serial No. 08/226,660 filed April 12, 1994, for "Method And Apparatus For Currency Discrimination", pending.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information disclosed is, or is considered to be, prior art with respect to the present application or material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56.

The present Information Disclosure statement is being filed prior to the receipt of a first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). Accordingly, no fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, should any fees be deemed necessary (except payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any over payment to Jenkins & Gilchrist Account No. 10-0447/47171-00300USC2.

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